

Hearing from Home: Your Stories on Health Insurance

I have heard from many of you about how tired you are of how insurance companies do business. Here are some of the stories.

Dear Congressman Obey:

"My husband is self-employed and we have to buy our own healthcare... I got pregnant 6 months after we bought our policy and I was told that my pregnancy was a pre-existing condition and I was denied coverage." - *South Range*

"I own a small business in Ashland and have not been able to afford health insurance for me or my employees. I have been covered on my wife's plan through her work. She was recently diagnosed with Melanoma cancer. Fortunately, her health plan has covered all necessary treatments to date, but she may not be able to go back to work. If she goes on disability, we will eventually lose all coverage for her treatments as well as coverage for me and our teenage son. Our options for the future seem very limited." - *Mason*

"In spite of the fact that I have never made a claim against my insurance company, this week I received notice that...my premiums will increase by 33%. I truly do not know what to do....If I dropped my insurance and something happens when I need health care I would have to file for bankruptcy." - *Phillips*

"I am 62 years old. I do not have insurance from my employer and can not afford the high premiums. I have no idea what I would do if I ever got sick." - *Stanley*

"My brother died at the age of 53. He had a heart attack at the age of 32 and as a small business man was never again able to access health care coverage. He was unable to afford the tests and procedures that would have kept his heart condition under control." - *Rosholt*

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